

Monday, November 23, 2008**Cedar Falls Woman's Club
Third and Clay Streets****Gather 5:00 p.m.****AAUW Program 5:30 p.m.****Dinner and Business Meeting 6:15 p.m.*****The Glass Slipper Myth:
Cedar Valley Women
Address Gender Equity*****Women in Iowa's Legal Profession**The Hon. Kellyann Lekar, District Judge
Iowa Judicial District 1B**Gender Equity
Still an Issue****Mission:**

AAUW supports and promotes equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

Vision:

AAUW, Cedar Falls Branch, will be recognized in the community as an advocate for women and girls.

Diversity Statement:

In principle and in practice, the AAUW, Cedar Falls Branch, values and seeks diversity. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.

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The first woman in the U.S. to become a lawyer was an Iowan named Arabella Mansfield. She passed the Iowa bar exam and in 1869 received a license to practice law in Iowa. In the same year, Myra Bradwell was refused admission to the Illinois bar. Her suit contesting this decision was eventually heard by the U.S. Supreme Court (*Bradwell v Illinois*), which decided that women have no right to practice a profession. By the time the Court issued its opinion in 1873, the Illinois legislature, no doubt influenced by Iowa, had already passed legislation making it illegal to exclude women based on sex.

More than a hundred years later, we are still counting "firsts" and District Judge Kellyann Lekar has achieved one. In 2005 she became the first woman appointed to a district judgeship in District 1B. In this position she has authority to hear any type of case within the district court including probate, felony criminal cases, dissolution of marriage, adoptions, disputes involving actions of state administrative agencies, juvenile cases, and other matters.

Judge Lekar also serves on the Board of Directors and on the Courts and Community Committee of the Iowa Judges Association, and chairs the Jury Instruction Committee of the Iowa State Bar Association. She received her bachelor's degree from Iowa State University in 1990 and her law degree from the University of Iowa in 1993. She went into private practice in Waterloo, focusing on family and personal injury law, and became a partner in her law firm in 2000.

Join us for an interesting and important discussion of a woman's place in one of the learned professions, the law.

Reservations:Marcia Street 277-1780
streetmc@cfu.net**Wednesday, November 19, 8 pm****\$11** State your menu choice**Menu:**Turkey with Sauce Green Beans
Frosted Orange Salad
Apple Plum Streusel Dessert
or Chef Salad, regular or vegetarian

The **Named Grant Award** began as a way to honor a member of the local branch for their contribution in supporting the mission of AAUW. Evelyn Wood was awarded a Named Grant in 1978. In memory of Evelyn we honor her again in 2008. Evelyn's sons and families were told of this award at the time of her funeral in May of 2008.

Evelyn held many offices in the branch and at the state level she was Fellowship chair, Legislative Chair and Chair for LAF. She was honored as a 50 year member in April of 1998 at the Annual State meeting. She attended that meeting with her huge smile and all of her stories.

A 500 dollar contribution was sent to the Educational Foundation's Eleanor Roosevelt Fund in her honor. Across the country, Eleanor Roosevelt Fund projects encourage girls in math and science, battle gender barriers at school and work, and support innovative ways to teach and motivate girls.

**Evelyn Wood**

From your co-presidents ~

Celebrating is not something that we do enough of and we should. We had an outstanding meeting again this month. Forty members and two visitors attended. We are happy to announce we now have 102 members.

Our speaker, Nancy Newhoff, shared her experiences as she broke through gender barriers to become the new editor of the *Courier*. Thanks, Mary, for our great programs this year. Nancy Henderson followed with a very short and interesting presentation on the legal Advocacy Fund. We all agreed the dinner was delicious. Seventeen women attended the Heritage Makers workshop, a special program for "Telling Our Stories" arranged by Neysa Picklum.

We had a bang-up turnout at CV3D with Jeff Copeland, the author of *Inman's War*. We counted 42 participants, a record. GREAT DECISIONS is a special celebration! Seventeen people, men and women, members from our branch and the United Nations Ass'n and other community members were enthusiastic about our discussion. We appreciate Marcia Street's leadership of that as well. We encourage you to join the discussion group in November. It is an opportunity too good to miss.

October has been a "Month to Celebrate"!

Judy Beckman and Gloria Tollefson, co-presidents



Happy 50th Anniversary AAUW Educational Foundation



Established in 1958 to:

Administer fellowship and grant programs

Advance educational and professional opportunities for women in the United States and around the globe

It remains one of the world's largest funding sources for graduate women.

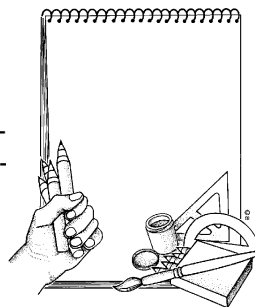
Notice to local branch members: There will be a 10 point quiz concerning the history of EF at the dinner meeting on November 24. No major prizes will be awarded.

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Allaire George, Co-Vice President EF

Educational Foundation

The Educational Foundation is teaming up with the Legal Advocacy Foundation to raise money through a **Silent Art Auction during the month of March, 2009.**



We will be seeking artistic donations such as needle work, paintings, collage, folk art, prints, constructed items such as birdhouses etc. from members or supporters of AAUW. We would like these items by mid **February 2009. Start thinking now about what you might create or donate. Let Barb or Allaire know if you have a project that you are planning for the auction.**

We would like to engage all members in this project in the form of an artistic donation or the bidding process. Watch for more information.

Barbara Cardamon, EF co-chair. cardmore@aol.com

Report From the Board of Directors



The Board met on November 3, 2008. Co-President Gloria Tollefson asked members to re-

member the following dates:

~ December 10, 2008, United Nations Forum at Area 267.

~ January 10, 2009, State Board Meeting at Cedar Falls Library.

~ April 17-18, 2009, State AAUW Conference at Wartburg College.

~ June 26-28, 2009, National AAUW Convention in St. Louis.

There are now 102 members in the Cedar Falls Branch of AAUW. Seventeen people attended the first Great Decisions meeting which is off to a good start. The Cedar Falls Branch AAUW Materials Collection will remain with the Cedar Falls Historical Society. The CV3D group will discuss *Little Heathens* November 10 at the UNI Museum. The discussion will be led by Gloria Tollefson and Judy Beckman.

Mary Franke, Secretary

AAUW State Board Meeting

The Cedar Falls Branch will be serving food and being hosts for the AAUW State Board Meeting. It will be held at the Cedar Falls Library, Saturday, January 10, 9 - 4:30 pm.

The state board members will be paying for the food served and those monies will go to LAF. We will need food and help. If you would like to do something to make Cedar Falls look good and to help donate funds to LAF call **Ardelle Brown 266-6882** dabrown@cfu.net

Community Action

GREAT DECISIONS

Cedar Valley Discuss & Discover Diversity Reading & Sharing

Little Heathens: Hard Times and Spirit On The Farm During The Great Depression, written by UNI (ISTC) graduate, Mildred Armstrong Kalish, will be discussed on Monday, November 10, from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. at the UNI Museum on Hudson Road.

Mark your calendar for January 12, 2009 for the Cedar Valley Discover Diversity Discuss (CV3D) presentation of two books: *Escape* by Carolyn Jessop and Laura Palmer and *Stolen Innocence: My Life Growing Up In a Polygamous Sect, Becoming a Teenage Bride, and Breaking Free of Warren Jeffs*, by Elissa Wall and Laura Pulitzer. Choose one of these titles and come discuss with us the life of these two women in this polygamous society. These discussions will be held at the UNI Museum from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. The UNI Museum is completely disability accessible. All Cedar Valley residents are welcomed. Participants are not required to have read the books to participate.

For information: drjudy.beckman@cfu.net or call 319-268-0544.

Promoting Global Awareness

This discussion group will meet again on Tuesday, November 18, at the Cedar Falls Library in the small conference room from 7 - 8:30pm. The topic is chapter 8, *Philanthropy-Foreign Aid* found in your study book, Great Decisions. On December 16, the topic will be chapter 2, *The European Union*. We will view a DVD on the topic, then divide into small groups and answer questions together. Please join us. You will be glad you did. For more information call gtollefson@mchsi.com

Gloria Tollefson, chair

Hawkeye Community College - AAUW Non-Traditional Student Boost International Friendship Program

Cedar Valley's Promise Early Childhood Task Force

Iowa Radio Reading Information Service (IRIS)



Suffrage Reenactment March



“For the long work day, for the tasks we pay, for the laws we obey, we want something to say” was written on one of the signs that was carried at the reenactment of the first Suffrage march in Iowa held in Boone on October 19, 2008.

Judy Focht, Gloria Tollefson, Linda Morgan, and Marcia Street marched with over 100 other ladies representing seven states. We were stirred by the brief speeches given by reenactors before and during the march. While marching we chanted “We want to vote” and sang three suffrage songs while parade watchers took our pictures and cheered us on.

For 38 long years Iowa women had cajoled their husbands, sons and fathers for the right to vote. They handed out fliers, lectured and wrote letters to no avail. The decision to march was a turning point in the movement borrowed from their English sisters. It wasn't until 1920 that the 19th Amendment was ratified and granted women the right to vote. A time to remember, a time to reflect and a time to be grateful for women who blazed the trail for the right to vote.

Marcia Street

(LAF) Legal Advocacy and Title XIX

The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund works to combat sex discrimination in all workplaces. Title IX, which affects all areas of education, is most commonly known for creating opportunities for women and girls in athletics. AAUW strongly supports Title IX and opposes any efforts that would weaken its effectiveness. Title IX's impact on women's sports participation is one of our country's great success stories and has changed the playing field dramatically for girls and women in athletics.

Former San Diego State swim coach, Deena Dearnurff Schmidt, has reached a \$1.45 million settlement in her Title IX sex discrimination lawsuit against the school. Schmidt was the women's swim coach from 1994-2007 and alleged many instances of discrimination during her tenure, including "unequal and inadequate" facilities, pay, practice times and administrative support. This lawsuit joins a slew of other gender based discrimination suits facing the California State School system recently.

Jane Close, Legal Advocacy Fund Director,
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Update your 2008-2009 membership list:

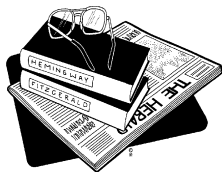
~ add to your yearbook ~

Patty AcheyCutts	Janet Drake
Mary Haskel-Hansen	Sue Lyons
Kari Jastorff	

Literature Interest Group

This group meets the second Monday afternoon of each month at 1:15 pm at different homes. Learn about what people are reading and about books you might enjoy reading. Please call for more information
November 10 Penny Brown and Gloria Tollefson.

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Interest and Study Groups Opportunities to Participate



Telling Our Stories

We will meet Monday, December 1, at the CF Library conference room from 1:15 to 3 pm. Please bring some ideas for traditional family Christmas letters. You may want to spend this time writing your letter/ memories. JOIN US! Gloria Tollefson, Chair
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International Studies

The International Study Group will meet Monday, November 17, 1:15 pm, at the home of Ellie Tompkins. The topic of study will be *Foreign Aid*.

Women in Motion WIM

Ghouls' Night Out was a great success. The night of October 30, seven WIM members dressed up in costumes and delivered Halloween treats to eighteen of our AAUW members who don't always make it to meetings and/or were recovering from surgery or illness. We also visited two care facilities and were well received by all. After our deliveries we had supper at Panera's. Special thanks to Ardelle Brown for planning the activity. If you are interested in joining WIM activities, please let me know.



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Jane Close, WIM Facilitator

Bridge Groups



Third Wednesday Bridge

- November 19 Lorraine Tressler
 - December 17 Ardelle Brown
- 2009
- January 21 Esther Kieffer

Fourth Tuesday Bridge

- November 25 Ardelle Brown
- 2009
- January 27 Anne Schuessler

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